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Dear Grace, -

This Sabbath evening I wish to have a chat with you. - When I left you Friday night Leicester came out on the porch and we chatted several minutes; when I remarked, "Les! I wish you were my friend again." It took him off his feet; a sudden surprise. - He wished to know the cause for such a remark; - when I cited his remark to me, - on Sunday two weeks ago; in regard to my manners of social life, and the fact that I needed the Oak Park Club to brighten me up. - He seemed surprised and said he remembered that several days and thought of writing me an apology - Now I had him! - I asked him if he was in any manner changed since we were mutual friends a couple of years ago. - He wondered at that. - When I said from his remarks to

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me on that Sunday I was convinced that
some thing had entered his character which
was certainly foreign to me. —

He waited in silence several moments, —
I waited for him to speak. — Suddenly he
said, — "I am turned upside down in
my religious views." — You commenced
my mission and with constant silent prayers
I talked with Leicester who said to
me frankly he appreciated the efforts I
was making. — When I asked him if he
would not commence again to pray for
his dear mother he waited, and I said
"Listen a moment Les," — when I offered up an
audible prayer to God for Leicester, asking that
he might again start as a little child to
learn the truth alone and leave the difficult points
which alone God understands, for others who are
able to battle with doubts without having their
faith shattered. — All the time having

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my hand on his. - When I finished
he said, "That was mighty good of
you, 'Old man'." - I asked him then
to pray but he hesitated. However a
profound silence lasted full ten
minutes when Leo closed his eyes
and I know he must have prayed
silently, for when he again spoke
he promised me to trust me as
his friend and allow me to help
him all I could. -

I told him he certainly was far
away from shore, alone, on the open
sea, and if he would commence to
pull for the shore, he certainly could
in time reach it. - He promised
me to ~~be~~ go no further away, but try
and drop the doubts & difficulties and
seek the truth again as a child. -
With his promise to seek God in

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prayer that night for his mother and for his own recovery to a normal state I left him. —

Grace, I assure you, that if no other evil causes come in to bear upon Leicester during the next six months, we can, by God's help, relieve him of his horrible ideas.

In no way did I let him know we had talked together, for I feared it would offend him; but I did impress upon him his mother's love and sister's sincere interest with his father's paternal confidence.

To-day after Sunday School he met me with a genuine grasp of the hand and a most cordial greeting. — He has already gained ground, — of course we must not be discouraged, for the change will be a gradual one, in all probability.

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I was sure you would enjoy these words of history in regard to the matter.

Believe me they are heartily and truly written for I went to the Settlement this afternoon to take care of some of my wild boys there. —
Good night!

Peace to with you, is my prayer. —
your true friend. —
Clarence E. Hemingway.

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Addressed